

## THANKING SENATORS AND STAFF

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I want the record to reflect the cooperation of Dr. Barrasso, Senator BARRASSO. He had some concerns about this. We did our best to answer them. He has been very positive in his approach. He had some questions that needed to be answered. I think they have been answered, and I appreciate very much his being as courteous as he was through this whole process. He has been a real gentleman, and I appreciate it a lot.

Mr. President, let me express my appreciation to the Presiding Officer. All Senators are very busy, but you have been presiding for hours. That is a real burden. We all appreciate it, especially other Senators appreciate it. We have to have someone presiding.

I am so impressed with the skills that the Senator from Colorado has brought to us. I didn't know you before you were appointed by the Governor to come, but the people of Colorado should understand, using an over-worked term, you hit the ground running. You have done so well. You adjusted so well to Senate life.

I say it twice tonight, I am very impressed, and I hope the people of Colorado understand what a good choice Governor Ritter made, choosing you to fill the seat of a terrific person, Ken Salazar.

Mr. President, I want all the staff to know of my appreciation. I speak for all of us. Every Senator would come and say the same thing, but I am the one here to express our appreciation for helping this process go forward. It is not easy.

As much time as I have spent over the years on this floor—and it amounts to, all added up—it has probably been years. As familiar as I am with everything, I couldn't do it without the help of the staff.

It is not only Lula Davis—she has been such a wonderful asset to the Democratic caucus—but also the help that I get from the Republican side, the staff. I think we were always very worried after Marty decided to go downtown. We wanted to make sure the same goodwill prevailed between David Schiappa and Lula Davis as we had before.

It is as good if not better. I am very happy with the cooperation we get. I wish I could express this personally to Senator McCONNELL, but I think he will get the word.

## ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 133 until 2 p.m., Monday, June 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there

then be a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; I also ask that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 33, S. 146, the railroad antitrust legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday, June 1. The next vote will be around 11 o'clock on Tuesday, June 2. The vote will be on the nomination of Virginia McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:51 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 1, 2009, at 2 p.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PAUL T. ANASTAS, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE GEORGE M. GRAY, RESIGNED.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NANCY J. POWELL, OF IOWA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, VICE HARRY K. THOMAS, JR., RESIGNED.

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CRANSTON J. MITCHELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

## IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

*To be major*

JOSHUA D. ROSEN

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

STUART W. SMYTHE, JR.

## IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be captain*

SCOTT K. RINEER

*To be commander*

CYNTHIA S. SIKORSKI

*To be lieutenant commander*

MARY P. COLVIN

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Thursday, May 21, 2009:

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CAMERON F. KERRY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

MICHAEL L. CONNOR, OF MARYLAND, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PHILIP J. CROWLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (PUBLIC AFFAIRS).  
DANIEL BENJAMIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE COORDINATOR FOR COUNTERTERRORISM, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE.

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

PRISCILLA E. GUTHRIE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

## THE JUDICIARY

FLORENCE Y. PAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REBECCA M. BLANK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOHN D. PORCARI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.  
J. RANDOLPH BABBITT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ANEESH CHOPRA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JUDITH A. PUCHALA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.  
ROBERT ORRIS BLAKE, JR., OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SETH DAVID HARRIS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF LABOR.

## NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

LINDA A. PUCHALA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2009.  
LINDA A. PUCHALA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2012.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JOHN Q. EASTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SANDRA BROOKS HENRIQUEZ, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PETER M. ROGOFF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

MICHAEL S. BARR, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.  
THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

## IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 8036 AND 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES B. GREEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. HERBERT J. CARLISLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be general*

GEN. WILLIAM M. FRASER III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE